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As the below-named inventors, we hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHODS OF DIAGNOSING LIVER FIBROSIS, the specification of which

___ is attached hereto as Attorney Docket No. ___).
X was filed on February 28, 2002, as Application
Serial No. 10/087,188 (Attorney Docket No.
P-PM 4978).

and was amended on (or amended through) _____.
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

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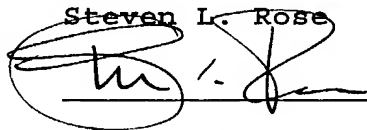
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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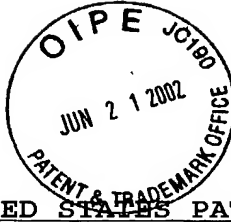
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PATENT

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark (USPTO) permits parties that establish status as a Small Entity to pay certain reduced fees (all citations to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 except as noted). To be entitled to Small Entity Status, a party must be at least one of the following:

(1) Individual person:

An individual person, including an inventor and persons to whom an inventor has transferred some rights in the invention. § 1.27(a)(1).

(2) Small business concern:

A business concern whose number of employees, including affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. § 1.27(a)(2) (incorporating 13 C.F.R. § 121.802).

"Business concern" means individual proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, joint venture, association, trust or cooperative. If the concern is a joint venture, participation by foreign business

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entities may not be more than 49%. 13 C.F.R.
§ 121.105.

The "number of employees" is the average number of employees, including the employees of its domestic and foreign affiliates, based on numbers of employees for each of the pay periods for the preceding completed 12 calendar months.

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Concerns are "affiliates" of each other when one concern directly or indirectly controls or has the power to control the other, or when a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both concerns. 13 C.F.R. § 121.103(a).

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A university or other institution of higher education located in any country. § 1.27(a)(3)(ii)(A).

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A nonprofit scientific or educational organization qualified under a nonprofit organization statute of a U.S. state. Also included are such organizations located in a foreign country that would qualify if it were located in this country. § 1.27(a)(3)(ii)(C), (D).

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I understand that Small Entity Status must be separately established in any related application, including continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, continued prosecution application or reissue application. § 1.27(c)(4).

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